

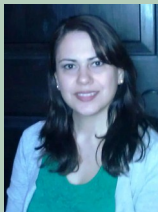
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

March 5, 2014



After the Alpaca photo shop caper, I should have realized that there's a serious leak between my staff and my bride and them interjecting subtle commentary into my newsletters. Here's the latest example – although I have to admit that I might have a very slight tendency to drive her a little crazy once in a while...but that's my job.

Ok, onward...

Puppy Sales

First, thanks to Bill Nugent, owner of The Shanty, and to the folks at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona for sponsoring the pet adoption rally we held at Bill's place on Monday night. I'm pleased that the Mayor and most of the Council supported my effort to join over 40 other cities nationwide in restricting the sale of dogs and cats at pet stores to only those that come from shelters or rescue agencies. The proposed Ordinance is a vote in opposition to puppy mills.



The vote recognizes what others in the community are doing to address the animal overcrowding issue we're facing. The County put \$400K into a tent facility out at the Pima Animal Care Center, and is advocating to have the upgrade of PACC appear on this year's bond ballot. PAWW recently held an adoption fair – PetCo and Petsmart continue to host adoption events at their retail stores on a regular basis – the AWASA spay/neuter program continues to gain momentum – the Hermitage Shelter just held a fund raising open house at their retail outlet – No Kill Pima County also held an adoption event recently, and more continues. The problem is not self-correcting, and we should continue doing our part when we finalize our vote on this Ordinance.

The best the opposition to the Ordinance could do was to send in a letter from a paid lobbyist and to have an owner of one of the larger retail stores come to speak about the virtues of his sources for the



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

animals they sell – despite the fact that their ‘products’ are sourced from mills. How do I know? Because from their own records, these are some of the puppy mills that local pet stores ordered their stock from:

Misty Trails Kennels of Maynard, AR who at last inspection had 185 adult dogs and 71 puppies
JB Premier Pets of Cherryvale, KS who had 174 adults and 103 puppies
Shoestring Kennel of Webster County, MO who had 46 adults and 21 puppies
Grotewold of Lake Mills, Iowa who had 369 adults and 215 puppies

Those are mills. And this is a picture of the conditions under which they operate:



The lobbyist and store owner were quick to brag on being regulated by the USDA. Right – that USDA, the one that inspects meat at the grocery store. Here are some of the standards that appear in the rules they were proud to tout:

Size of cages:

(xi) Provide sufficient space to allow each dog and cat to turn about freely, to stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable, normal position

So what does that translate to in terms of actual feet or inches?

(c) *Additional requirements for dogs.*

(1) *Space.*

(i) *Each dog housed in a primary enclosure (including weaned puppies) must be provided a minimum amount of floor space, calculated as follows: The calculation is: (length of dog in inches + 6") × (length of dog in inches + 6") = required floor space in square inches.*

(iii) *The interior height of a primary enclosure must be at least 6 inches higher than the head of the tallest dog in the enclosure when it is in a normal standing position*

(2) *Compatibility. All dogs housed in the same primary enclosure must be compatible, as determined by observation. Not more than 12 adult non-conditioned dogs may be housed in the same primary enclosure.*

So up to 12 dogs can be kept in a cage with those height and floor space dimensions per dog.

Exercise?

(3) *The opportunity for exercise may be provided in a number of ways, such as:*

(i) *Group housing in cages that provide at least 100 percent of the required space for each dog if maintained separately under the minimum floor space requirements of § 3.6(c)(1) of this subpart;*

(ii) *Maintaining individually housed dogs in cages, pens, or runs that provide at least twice the minimum floor space required*

So the ‘exercise’ is allowed to be within the cages (which can have wire flooring, by the way.) Please do not treat your animals the way the USDA would allow you to do.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide>

I was honored to have been supported in what was simply an ethical proposal by these groups:

Supporting and Promoting Ethics for the Animal Kingdom (SPEAK)

The Animal League of Green Valley

Pima Animal Care Center

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

Humane Society U.S.

And the dozens of you who sent letters in favor of doing our part in shutting down the mills.

The proposal was not anti-business. Indeed, Phoenix, San Diego, Austin, and El Paso have all enacted similar or even stricter ordinances, and they all rank highly as business friendly cities. The owner of one local store was upset that the proposed Ordinance would have made it so he would no longer have had to purchase litters from people wanting him to sell them at his store. Somehow helping his bottom line was not being business friendly. Unless your motivation is to support backyard breeders, that makes no sense.

I've written plenty on this in the run-up to our vote. I was disappointed when the M&C would not support allocating more money to the County run Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona spay/neuter program. I'm grateful that the Mayor and Council voted to oppose puppy mills. Why do I characterize it in that manner? Because if you want to stop puppy mills, you stop buying their product. If you continue buying their product, it's tough to maintain that you're opposed to how they operate.

The vote was an effort to impose some ethics into how local businesses operate in relation to this issue.

Budget

We'll have several more budget presentations before we come to closure this fiscal year, but on Tuesday I wanted to put a few new thoughts into the record.

On February 12th, the Arizona Republic reported that for the first time since 2008, retail growth #'s in Arizona were sharply up vs. the previous year (7.7%.) That matters because our revenue projections were described as being rather conservative, although staff felt at the time they were defensible. I've said before that our revenue projections are what drive the rest of the decisions we make. Staff made it clear though that the State wide projections aren't translating to Pima County. Our revenue projections should change how we discuss potential cuts in services, and in how we talk about funding some of the needs we have been overlooking. Staff will keep an eye on how the revenue numbers move and keep us up to speed on those.

Next was a comment on the "Programs by Priority" list staff put together a few weeks ago. As a reminder, that was the prioritizing of each program the City offers, by department. What they did was form a committee that decided whether certain programs were core or non-core services, and then rated them as to importance. They also indicated how much each program costs us to provide.

What was not shown in that list was how much revenue the programs generate. That's what I asked for on Tuesday. Unless we know the net of each program, we have no way of judging how they individually really impact our budget talks. I want to see the full picture before deciding on how and where we might reduce services. The costs alone are not a true reflection of what we'd save if we cut a program that generates dollars for us.

Last week I wrote about the Court decision on the Public Safety pension costs. The Court affirmed that we don't have the authority to reduce benefits. Since the State has been acting under the assumption that they'd win the case, there is now a large back-pay chunk that'll have to be paid to refund the pensions. That will have an impact on us in fy'16. We need to have some order of magnitude as to what that impact is going to be before we conclude on a direction for this year. I asked for that number, too.

Next – we collect a 'facility user fee' on each ticket purchased for shows at the TCC. Those dollars were originally intended to be used in a way by which the TCC upgrades and maintenance would be funded. However, in 2009 the then M&C changed the policy and allowed the facility fees to be used for operations. The TCC loses money each year and so the facility fee surcharges were thought to be a good source of revenues to offset the losses.

Last meeting we approved over \$500K to pay for deferred maintenance needs at the TCC. Had we been build-

ing up the facility fund, that would not have been a hit to this year's General Fund. Right now we're considering farming out the management of the TCC to a private firm. I asked on Tuesday that we include in that management agreement that we're not going to allocate the facility fees to operations any longer, but will renew the original intent; that is, use them for maintenance and upgrades to the facility. I'll watch for that in the TCC management deal. To put it into perspective, from fy'11 through fy'13, those fees amounted to \$1.1M. That's about what it cost to put in the new lower level seating last year.

Two more items I wanted to get into the discussion related back to a series of recommendations staff made to us in April, 2013. At the time we were considering the pay increases and staff gave us a list of options we could consider for using any potential 'surplus expenditure capacity.' The list they presented was:

1. Fund self- insurance surcharge (\$1.6M)
2. Project revenues more conservatively and eliminate expenditure capacity
3. Decrease other departmental expenditures and add to capacity to fund other options
4. Fund compensation Plan
5. Use for partial payment in paying debt principal in spring 2014
6. Fund infrastructure/vehicle needs
7. Contribute to reserves

You may recall that M&C voted to give the raises (#4, above.) I didn't support that, but wanted to chip away at some of the other options.

Last week our Self Insurance Board of Trustees sent us each a letter asking that we again consider some portion of our budget this year to work down the deficit we see in the self-insurance fund. It's at \$13M right now. That would be done by assessing a surcharge on departments based on their claim experience. Each year that we don't have money in the self-insurance fund to pay tort liability, we charge those claims to you in a property tax levy. I again want to see some portion of the City Manager's budget proposal that addresses working at the deficit in this fund.

Finally, we build a budget capacity for each department. The total is what becomes our overall budget. But we have been building in excess capacity in many cases. I reviewed the detailed breakdown of each department's budget and found that between fy'13 and fy'14, we increased budget capacity, even above the actual needs departments showed in '13. On Tuesday I pointed this out to staff and suggested that if they're claiming we have a \$33M deficit, a part of that is simply excess capacity that can come off the top. What that would mean is that we set a realistic budget and live within it. What a concept – that would mean we'd no longer hear near the end of each fiscal year 'we've got to use it, or we'll lose it.' I'm suggesting that they lose it up front, and operate to a more conservative/needs based budget.

A couple of examples – we have about \$575K yet unused in travel, \$825K yet unused in training and \$225K yet unused in memberships and subscriptions. And in Outside Professional Services (consultants) we have about \$20M that is budgeted but not yet used. Of course some of that is necessary. Maybe most of it. But I now have the data that shows in many cases the 'actuals' from '13 were increased in '14 so some of the capacity shown in these numbers is excess and we need to take that into consideration when talking about our fy'15 budget numbers. That's what staff meant last April when they suggested we 'eliminate expenditure capacity.' I'm saying again, it's time.

As you can see, there are a lot of moving parts to the budget. So many that it tends to become a shell game in which we seem to "find" what we need when we get to a certain level of striking distance relative to the deficit we're initially told at the start of each budget cycle conversation. I want this year to be one in which we get a realistic assessment of what our capacity needs are, take a shot at funding our self-insurance reserves, refocus on TCC facility needs, and in the process alleviate the felt need to eliminate services to you. Yes, costs are still escalating in areas such as the pensions – and the pay increases we gave are a part of that. But this all needs a reality check, and capacity decisions are a large first step.



Tucson Water Security Deposit Policy

We write off bad debt every year. A significant part of that is people skipping out on their last month's water bill when they move from the area. To help combat those losses, Tucson Water implemented a policy related to security deposits. My opinion is that it's ineffective and needs to be revisited.

Right now there is no security deposit being required of new residential customers. For current customers, if you're a property owner you pay a \$150 deposit, and if you're a renter you pay \$200. Non-residential customers all pay approximately 2x their estimated monthly bill. In the case of residential users, the deposits are refunded after 12 months of a good payment record. TW keeps non-residential deposits until the account is closed.

If you rent an apartment, the manager keeps your security deposit until you move out and the apartment is checked for cleanliness and damages. Only then do you get your deposit refunded. I believe we should adopt a similar policy with respect to TW deposits; that is, everybody pays one (new customers included) and we refund it only after the final months' billing has been paid.

Residential customers make up 88% of our TW clients, 58% of our TW revenues and they accounted for 94% of the collection notices we had to send out in the past 12 months. I don't believe the taxpayers should have to subsidize people who jump ship on their last payment. I asked staff to have our Citizen's Water Advisory Committee look at my proposal and get us a recommendation before the end of this budget cycle.

Graffiti

If you look at the Staff generated "Programs by Priority" list, graffiti abatement is shown as a non-core function with a rating that might suggest we're going to de-fund it. The fy'14 budget shown on that document is \$919K. Staff has provided these costs related to graffiti:

- ☐ Financial Impact
- ☐ TDOT – Contractor (Graffiti Protective Coatings – they do a great job out in the community)
- ☐ 2012: \$660,000
- ☐ 2013: \$709,225
- ☐ 2014: \$497,475
- Through 2/4/2014

- ☐ TDOT – Internal
- ☐ One part-time Supervisor
- ☐ Two full-time Technicians
- ☐ TPD
- ☐ Two full-time TAG Unit Officers
- ☐ Two Divisional Officers
- ☐ One part-time TAG Sergeant

- ☐ Reported and Abated
- ☐ FY 2012: 56,067
- ☐ FY 2013: 57,595
- ☐ FY 2014: 45,782
- Thru 2/24/2014



Add to that the costs borne by utility companies and the rest of the private sector and you can see that this is absolutely a core function we need to continue funding, and that the true financial costs to the community are in the millions of dollars annually.

I thought the breakout by Ward was interesting. This is the data since 2012:

Ward 1: 39,996	Ward 4: 17,940
Ward 2: 11,821	Ward 5: 64,250
Ward 3: 47,118	Ward 6: 43,329

That's a lot of tagging, a lot of money, a lot of blight and a lot of argument for refuting the suggestion that it's not one of our core responsibilities.

We need to continue with our internal graffiti task force which is made up of representatives from the three critical legs of the stool; the judiciary, the public sector (largely law enforcement) and the private sector. We still need to get a better partnership with the utilities, some of whom have their own in-house abatement teams. But generally this will be a constant work in progress going forward –costly in many ways. We at the Ward 6 office are grateful to the Citizen's Graffiti Action Network for their constant vigilance on this issue. We truly need all hands on deck to control this problem.

If you see somebody tagging, call 911.

Community Events

...four in particular that I want to share with you.

SARSEF: From March 10th until the 14th, the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Fair will take place at the TCC. The public viewing days are the 12th through 14th from 8am until 8pm. It's free.

These projects are the work of K-12 young people, plus hands-on activities that are going to be provided by over 20 local organizations. The groups supporting this annual educational event include the Desert Museum, the Tucson Children's Museum, Arizona Project WET, TEP, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, Tucson Clean and Beautiful, and more. If you can find some time to support the kids, and show these organizations that you value their investment into our local education system, please try to stop by. For more information you can go to www.sarsef.org – or contact Kathleen Bethel @ 621. 8646.

Porch Fest: Join the Garden District Neighborhood this Sunday (March 9) from 4-6pm for their first-ever Porch Fest. The event will feature free live music from 15 local musicians, plus fare from 8 food trucks and beautiful spring weather to enjoy as you stroll from porch to porch. It's a free, family-friendly, alcohol-free event. The starting point will be at 4109 E. Pima Street. You can find more information on the Tucson Porch Fest Facebook page or at <http://gdna.weebly.com/porch-fest.html>.

Garden Tour: Also, Sam Hughes Neighborhood is holding a Garden Tour through that historic neighborhood. That tour will take place on Sunday, April 6th from 10am until 4pm. This is a self-guided tour that covers about 2 miles in the Speedway/Country Club/Broadway/Campbell square. It'll include 7 private residences, 2 public properties and a demonstration site for the study of the timing of plant and animal life cycles.

The sponsoring companies are Solar Solution (471.1866) and Oasis Water Harvesting (234.7681). They'll be around all day to give you pointers and answer questions about solar energy and rainwater harvesting technology. You can get tickets to the tour on the day of the event at the Sam Hughes Elementary School (700 N. Wilson) from 10am until 1:30pm. There'll be free parking around the school.

EGGstravaganza: On Saturday, April 19th there will be an Easter EGGstravaganza held at Mansfield Park (2000 N. 4th). The organizers are looking for neighborhood volunteers to help prepare for and run the event. The work will include assisting with the distribution of goodie bags, guiding children and their parents to the egg hunt site, set up and break down. The volunteers will be needed from 9am until 1pm – and they'll work out different shifts if you can't stay for the whole time.

For more information and to sign up please contact by Monday, 7 April 2014, Mike Katherina by email @ mike.katherina@tucsonaz.gov, or you can call him @ 837.8144.

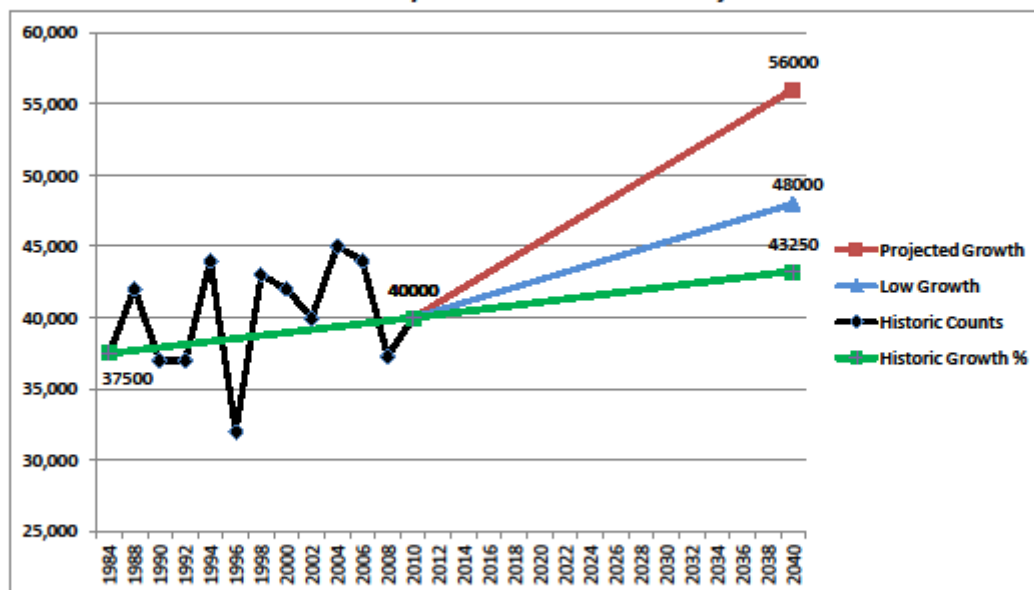
2nd Saturdays

While I'm on the subject of events, this weekend is another 2nd Saturday's. If you haven't been for a while, we'd love to see you down on Congress this weekend taking part. The crowds are growing, and the variety of activities you can participate in are too. This week's event comes with a particularly special announcement; that is AT&T has agreed to fund the events with a \$12K gift. They'll spread it out monthly over the next

year, but this is wonderful news to the event organizers who lost their original sponsor at the end of last year. The event is now doing well in terms of sponsorship support and many of us are proud to show off what we're building in terms of the new vibe in the downtown core – the 2nd Saturday's events are tailor made to accomplish that.

Thanks to Jerry Fuentes and the AT&T folks for joining in support of the celebration of the renaissance of

Broadway Blvd Traffic Counts & Projections¹



- 1984 to 2010 (26 years) = increase of 2,500 ADT
- Traffic Model Projection 2010 to 2040 (30 years) = increase of 16,000 ADT (???)

Doesn't reflect recent research on new transportation trends

1. AZDOT Study – Compact, Mixed –use Development Leads to Less Traffic (May 2012)
2. Has the US Reached Peak Car (Scientific American, July 2012)
3. Public Transportation Ridership Use Surged in First Quarter 2012 (American Public Transportation Association, June 2012)
4. The Future Isn't What It Used To Be; Changing Trends and Their Implications for Transport Planning (Abstract, Victoria Transport Policy Institute, July 2012)
5. Transportation and the New Generation; Why Young People are Driving Less and What it Means for Transportation Policy (Executive Summary, Frontier Group/US PIRG Education Fund, April 2012)

¹ Campbell to Tucson; 1987 Parsons Brinckerhoff & 2012 Kittelson & Assoc (Summary Analysis)

downtown Tucson.

Broadway Expansion

Remember this? It's the traffic projection model used to sell the voters on the need to significantly expand Broadway between Euclid and Country Club. It was compiled in 1987 and the projected growth numbers have never materialized. Note the comment in the middle of the chart: "Doesn't reflect recent research on new transportation trends." In the last quarter of a century, we've changed our patterns to more alternate modes of travel – and demographics point to a continuation of that trend. What's the point?

The Broadway RTA project appeared on the ballot as a \$71M project that was going to be cost-shared by the RTA (\$42M), Pima County (\$25M), the City (\$3M), and PAG (\$1.2M). The citizen's task force continues to work on design and alignment options. They hope to have a final proposal near the end of the year.

Last week there was a presentation of several alignment options ranging from 4 lanes up to 8 lanes. Rough order of magnitude cost estimates were offered for each. They bear no relation to what was on the ballot. The property acquisition estimates now range from \$75M up to over \$100M. The original budget has that figure at \$43M. I have emails into the project management team to get an explanation. The whole process has gone on too long, has frustrated the stakeholders (residents, business operators and others), and now we see these excessive numbers at a time when the RTA has made it very public that they are not realizing the revenue projections they anticipated at the time of the 2006 vote on the Plan.

I'll make sure you know how this unfolds. I occasionally write about the fact that government has lost the confidence of the people. If the direction this has taken continues, both from a cost and delay standpoint, the blow back on both the City and RTA planners will be damaging to their ability to gain public support for any extension of the Plan or taxing authority.



On a related note, El Parador (restaurant on Broadway – within the project footprint) went up for auction last week. There were no offers found to be acceptable by the banks. People are not investing in a corridor that has so much uncertainty built into it. This simply has to come to closure, in budget, and in a way that preserves the tax base on which the City and the RTA rely.

Cesar Chavez Holiday

On Tuesday we unanimously adopted an 11th paid holiday for City workers. The Cesar Chavez holiday will be celebrated on the Monday closest to his birthday (March 31st) each year. It'll start in 2015.

The man's bio includes significant work on both a labor front, and as a Latino advocate. Farmworkers no longer use the short-handled hoe, now have access to clean facilities and are generally treated with a dignity that didn't exist prior to Chavez' work. He was a civil rights worker, a Navy veteran, and a guy who stood up for the front line workers, regardless of the trade. His was a life worth honoring as we did.

In the run up to this there were several options being kicked around. I made it clear to the advocates and to our labor council that I'd support the holiday on the condition that it stood alone as a proposal and was not tied to removing from our employees any benefits they had negotiated in good faith. In the end, that's what we adopted. To have done otherwise would have been an incongruous example of adding a benefit by subtracting one that had been won at the bargaining table. To honor a labor leader by doing that made no sense. We did the right thing.

Credit belongs with Council Member Romero for managing the dialogue throughout the process. Any concerns over the cost of adding the holiday are missing the salient point that the good will we continue to garner with these sorts of positions will yield positive results with the Latino community both north and south of the Mexican border. Tucson stands alone in opposition to so much of the foolishness coming in the form of Bills at the State legislature. Our vote on Tuesday was another step in setting ourselves apart from the Phoenix nonsense.



SB1062

I'll close with this. For 5 days last week the State was dragged through the mud nationally for the proposed bill that would have opened the door to allow discriminatory treatment of customers if based on an alleged sincere religious belief. I joined many in the State calling on the Governor to immediately veto the Bill. She eventually did so, but it's my opinion that had it been a principled move the veto would have been immediate, not the result of having tested the political winds for nearly a week.

Some supporters of 1062 are saying that it was misrepresented. In the world where perception becomes reality, that doesn't matter. The debate was palpable and even members of the far right concede that it was damaging to their brand and should have been avoided.

Joining in opposition of the Bill were Apple, Marriott, American Airlines, multiple Chambers of Commerce, and thousands of clear-thinking people who didn't feel it was in the best interests of the State to wear yet another fringe label. It also speaks volumes that the faith community was loud in opposition to what was being called the "Religious Freedom Bill." Last fall I wrote an op/ed about the repeal of SB1070 and suggested that the NFL might consider pulling their Super Bowl from Glendale in 2015 if we didn't dump that Bill. During the waiting game the Governor played on SB1062, both the NFL and Major League Baseball put us on notice that they were watching how it was resolved. To the talk show hosts who made light of my 'Repeal1070/Super Bowl' op/ed, check yourselves. Major players like the sports leagues have no time for offensive legislation like this.

Here's the exact text of the Governor's announcement:

SB 1062 – Press Conference

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Good evening, and thank you for joining me here today.

I am here to announce my decision on Senate Bill 1062.

As with every proposal that reaches my desk, I gave Senate Bill 1062 careful evaluation and deliberate consideration. I call them like I see them, despite the cheers or boos from the crowd.

I took the time necessary to make the RIGHT decision. I met or spoke with my attorneys, lawmakers and citizens supporting and opposing this legislation.

I listened . . . and asked questions.

As Governor, I have protected religious freedoms when there is a specific and present concern that exists in OUR state.

And I have the record to prove it.

My agenda is to sign into law legislation that advances Arizona.

When I addressed the Legislature earlier this year, I made my priorities for this session abundantly clear...

Among them are passing a responsible budget that continues Arizona's economic Come-back.

From CEOs -- to entrepreneurs -- to business surveys -- Arizona ranks as one the best states to grow or start a business.

Additionally, our IMMEDIATE challenge is fixing a broken Child Protection system.

Instead, this is the first policy bill to cross my desk. (my emphasis.)

Senate Bill 1062 does not address a specific and present concern related to religious liberty in Arizona. I have not heard of one example in Arizona where a business owner's religious liberty has been violated.

The bill is broadly worded and could result in unintended and negative consequences.

After weighing all of the arguments, I vetoed Senate Bill 1062 moments ago.

To the supporters of the legislation, I want you to know that I understand that long-held norms about marriage and family are being challenged as never before.

Our society is undergoing many dramatic changes. However, I sincerely believe that Sen-

ate Bill 1062 has the potential to create more problems than it purports to solve. It could divide Arizona in ways we cannot even imagine and no one would ever want. Religious liberty is a core American and Arizona value, so is non-discrimination. Going forward, let's turn the ugliness of the debate over Senate Bill 1062 into a renewed search for greater respect and understanding among ALL Arizonans and Americans. Thank you.

So was it a principled move or simply political expediency? Note the italicized line – I would hope that had the Bill not been the first one to cross her desk that that wouldn't have changed her decision. We'll never know. What we do know is that regardless of the motivations, the veto was the correct thing to do. Now we can begin to dig ourselves out of yet another week of being the butt of late night talk show monologs.

Oh, and by the way, she also repealed a bill related to voting and getting propositions on the ballot. By repealing HB2305, she allowed to be ignored the 146,000 signatures that were gathered to allow voters to decide the merits of a Bill that changed the way ballots are collected, third party ability to get on the ballot, the maintenance of the early voter list, and how petitions are worded. So much for deference to those who took their own time to gather all of those signatures. Whether or not you believe the veto of 1062 was politically motivated, repealing HB2305 most certainly was. Watch as the process up there unfolds and I'm predicting you'll see some of this Bill re-emerge as separate proposals that would require starting the petition signature process all over again.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Civic Orchestra of Tucson

"Musique Française"

Saturday, March 15, 2014 ~ 7:00 pm

Crowder Hall UA School of Music 1017 N Olive Road, Tucson

Sunday, March 16, 2014 ~ 3:00 pm

Center for the Arts Pima Community College West Campus 2202 W Anklam Road, Tucson

The Blenman-Elm 2014 Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th, 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E Adams Street at 12:15pm. The ticket price includes a \$1 donation to EMERGE!

Ongoing

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St.

<http://hotelcongress.com/>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway

www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Butterfly Magic at the Gardens

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712

February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org

Please join us for a Community Meeting/Brainstorm

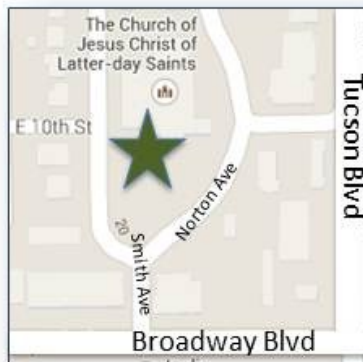
We want to hear your ideas!

The City of Tucson will demolish this property within the month. The ideal site treatment after demolition would be within the City's allotted budget for this project – \$9,000 – and a "temporary use" of the land.



2419 E. Broadway
(formerly Panda Buffet)

Our Family Services' **Center for Community Dialogue** and planning students at **The University of Arizona** College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture are collaborating to host this discussion. Ideas and discussion will be encouraged, with the goal of recommending treatments to the City for consideration.



Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014

Time: 6pm-8pm

(light beverages and snacks will be provided)

**Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints**

★ **Cultural Hall, South Entrance
105 N. Norton Avenue**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This is the only property within the Broadway: Euclid to Country Club Roadway Improvement Project Study Area approved for demolition. No more demolitions or property acquisitions are planned until decisions are made for the Broadway: Euclid to Country Club Roadway Improvement Project project design. For information about the improvement project and its status: visit www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway, email broadway@tucsonaz.gov, or call 622-0815.